

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of
KOMATSU et al.
Application Number: To be Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
**For: SUBSTRATE FOR IMMOBILIZATION OF A
BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE OR CHEMICAL
SUBSTANCE, METHOD OF IMMOBILIZING A
BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE OR CHEMICAL
SUBSTANCE, AND METHOD OF COATING A
SUBSTRATE**
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. HIRA.0116

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to correct the claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the claims with the following amended claims:

6. A substrate having a branching agent intramolecularly possessing 2 or more primary amino groups, bound thereto by means of the cross-linking agent of the substrate having a cross-linking reagent represented by the following general formula (1) bound thereonto by means of a coupling agent comprising an active group:

A - L - B

(1)

(wherein, A and B represent an identical or different group which reacts with an active group